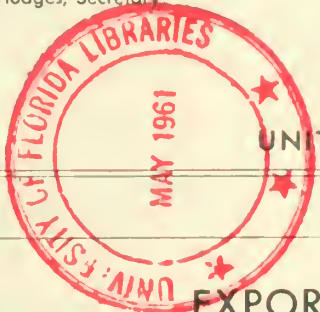


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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the increase in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,659.0 million in February to \$1,903.7 million in March, a rise of about 15 percent, reflected increases in exports of all of the economic classes of commodities. The March domestic merchandise export total was about ten percent higher than the March 1960 total of \$1,730.6 million. These figures include data on M.S.P. (military) shipments.

With M.S.P. (military) shipments excluded, exports of domestic merchandise were valued at \$1,858.6 million in March¹, about 17 percent higher than the February total of \$1,593.6 million and about 15 percent higher than the March 1960 total of \$1,613.4 million.

The bulk of the over-all increase in exports of domestic merchandise from February to March was accounted for by a noticeable increase in exports of finished manufactures from \$921.6 to \$1,096.3 million. Increases were reported in most of the individual commodities included in this economic class. The more

¹See the March 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally-adjusted figures on total exports, excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

noticeable of these were as follows: aircraft, parts and accessories, from \$99.6 to \$113.6 million; ammunition, components and parts, from \$6.5 to \$15.3 million; automobile parts for assembly and replacement, from \$44.5 to \$53.2 million; office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from \$23.8 to \$32.1 million; radio and television apparatus, from \$22.2 to \$29.9 million; railway transportation equipment from \$13.0 to \$20.3 million; construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery, from \$64.0 to \$70.8 million; and machine tools and parts, from \$21.8 to \$27.1 million. Exports of semimanufactures increased from \$273.7 to \$299.9 million, due, in part, to an increase in exports of copper semimanufactures, from \$29.5 to \$38.1 million.

Increases in exports of corn, from \$23.3 to \$37.9 million and wheat, from \$99.8 to \$106.1 million were the chief factors in the rise in exports of crude foodstuffs from \$156.7 to \$177.2 million. The increase in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from \$88.3 to \$105.6 million reflected higher levels of exports of manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity, from \$12.3 to \$17.0 million; milled rice, from \$9.1 to \$12.5 million; and wheat flour, from \$11.7 to \$14.8 million. During the period, exports of crude materials advanced from \$218.8 to \$224.8 million.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100-\$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. Effective with the statistics for January 1960, the previous sample ratio of 10 percent has been increased to a 50 percent sample for countries other than Canada with the 10 percent sample being retained for Canada. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals. For the 1960 export figures in this report, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than a trivial percentage which can be ignored. For periods prior to 1960, the probable variability due to sampling is less than \$50,000 or less than two percent of the individual totals shown. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, January and June 1956, and the October-December 1959 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:
MARCH 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	March 1961	February 1961	March 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Total.....value..	11,903.7	21,659.0	31,730.6	41,691.6	51,453.2
Crude materials.....value..	224.8	218.8	201.2	215.5	159.4
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	9.3	6.5	6.9	6.4	5.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	154,626	118,547	157,331	140,701	120,900
value..	11.1	8.5	10.2	9.3	9.3
Oilseeds.....value..	22.5	27.2	17.3	30.1	26.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	28,740	24,674	27,754	41,264	38,801
value..	21.7	18.1	20.3	31.5	28.9
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	870	882	804	651	332
value..	113.6	112.1	100.3	82.3	37.7
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	2,065	1,957	2,237	3,160	3,253
value..	19.3	18.9	21.8	29.5	31.5
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	338	295	260	257	210
value..	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.6
All other crude materials.....value..	26.5	26.8	23.7	25.8	19.7
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	177.2	156.7	128.6	136.6	120.7
Corn.....1,000 bu..	29,980	18,835	14,806	18,353	18,343
value..	37.9	23.3	19.6	23.4	23.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	61,335	57,083	42,806	41,975	29,781
value..	106.1	99.8	71.9	71.0	51.2
Other grains.....value..	13.5	14.8	16.8	20.2	23.1
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	119,572	91,333	135,844	131,802	141,027
value..	6.1	5.0	6.5	7.1	7.9
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	99,924	92,399	115,869	119,890	125,300
value..	7.6	7.5	7.9	8.9	9.0
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	5.8	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.2
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	105.6	88.3	93.1	93.0	89.8
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	35,068	34,425	32,684	35,733	29,246
value..	10.8	10.6	9.0	10.4	8.8
Lard.....1,000 lb..	33,899	39,997	55,506	51,667	50,347
value..	4.6	5.2	5.0	5.1	5.0
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	27,833	25,350	37,708	34,133	40,725
value..	6.9	5.9	7.5	7.2	7.9
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	1,679	4,422	3,454	4,058	5,670
value..	1.0	1.9	0.9	1.6	1.9
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	225	153	176	160	125
value..	12.5	9.1	12.6	10.5	8.3
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	3,918	3,200	3,563	2,613	2,273
value..	14.8	11.7	12.8	9.6	8.6
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	3.4	3.1	4.1	3.7	3.4
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	20,402	13,733	12,459	17,734	11,654
value..	3.8	2.6	2.5	3.5	2.7
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	36,753	16,587	21,843	32,307	29,003
value..	5.3	2.5	3.3	4.7	4.4
Fruit juices.....1,000 gal..	3,490	2,441	2,367	2,776	2,676
value..	4.1	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.6
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	19,872	44,634	38,879	48,740	58,289
value..	3.1	6.3	5.0	6.1	8.6
Sugar and related products.....value..	1.8	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.9
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	17.0	12.3	11.2	10.5	8.9
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	16.6	12.8	14.1	15.0	15.7
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	299.9	273.7	281.0	293.5	205.5
Leather.....value..	4.8	3.6	2.7	2.7	2.2
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	62,681	59,102	77,253	64,377	54,796
value..	16.6	15.6	20.0	16.7	14.2

See footnotes at end of table.

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MARCH 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	March 1961	February 1961	March 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶ —Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.7	3.7
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	25,095	40,492	63,798	90,662	71,750
.....value..	3.4	5.2	6.1	9.2	7.9
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	32,620	28,861	32,453	30,949	29,090
.....value..	4.8	4.3	4.5	4.5	4.2
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	14,747	11,300	12,359	12,278	12,244
.....value..	2.3	1.7	2.0	1.9	1.9
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	16,414	13,457	14,356	16,043	12,014
.....value..	12.0	10.3	10.9	12.4	9.2
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	62,080	53,402	71,578	71,673	65,726
.....value..	7.6	6.1	8.9	8.7	7.5
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	109	109	112	95	54
.....value..	14.8	14.0	15.0	12.8	7.9
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	1,767	1,313	2,725	2,380	2,835
.....value..	5.1	3.6	7.0	6.6	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	90	118	128	148	134
.....value..	2.0	2.6	3.1	3.4	3.3
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	0.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	14,132	12,451	14,224	14,140	11,182
.....value..	2.0	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.2
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	128,893	110,696	135,934	237,428	83,493
.....value..	15.4	12.7	18.2	24.3	9.9
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	73,925	81,139	94,807	114,329	76,642
.....value..	5.6	6.0	7.5	9.7	6.1
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	28.3	28.3	21.4	22.6	15.9
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	10.6	10.0	16.5	14.5	6.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	38.1	29.5	16.7	25.7	8.4
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	16.4	16.9	13.5	13.9	8.7
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	75,955	68,784	68,567	65,624	57,669
.....value..	26.0	23.8	24.8	23.5	21.5
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	26.4	28.7	27.4	25.9	21.5
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	63,099	50,084	57,634	57,660	55,824
.....value..	6.2	4.9	5.9	5.8	5.6
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	81,083	36,867	72,904	86,724	112,061
.....value..	2.7	1.4	2.7	2.5	3.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	43.3	38.2	738.4	737.9	727.3
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,096.3	921.6	1,026.8	952.9	877.8
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	96	83	125	117	92
.....value..	3.2	3.2	4.4	3.7	3.8
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	9.5	8.5	9.4	9.0	8.1
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,921	1,606	1,573	1,686	1,631
.....value..	8.4	7.0	6.8	7.3	7.0
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.1	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	⁸ 43,681	⁸ 41,521	⁸ 41,552	⁸ 36,396	⁸ 39,351
.....value..	⁸ 12.3	⁸ 11.6	⁸ 12.6	⁸ 10.8	⁸ 10.7
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	10.6	8.3	10.0	8.4	7.9
Wool manufactures.....value..	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	16.2	12.8	14.4	13.6	12.9
Other textile manufactures.....value..	7.7	6.0	6.4	5.5	5.4
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	3.0	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	25.5	20.7	21.0	21.3	19.5
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	2.9	2.0	6.4	6.0	8.1
Lubricating oil.....value..	20.8	17.6	17.1	17.3	15.2
Glass and products.....value..	8.2	7.3	7.0	7.0	7.0
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	11.5	9.2	15.1	11.8	11.3
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	37.4	32.2	36.9	35.2	37.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	38,397	26,653	28,294	25,030	28,871
.....value..	5.9	4.1	4.9	4.0	4.5
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	29.9	22.2	25.3	23.6	21.0
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	69.7	54.3	57.1	55.7	56.6
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	22.5	20.4	20.8	19.0	20.7
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	70.8	64.0	69.4	63.0	57.7
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	27.1	21.8	13.8	18.2	12.9
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	15.0	13.3	12.4	12.5	13.2
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	18.5	17.0	12.3	12.9	9.0
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	98.2	83.1	86.1	83.2	70.9

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Economic class and commodity	March 1961	February 1961	March 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures--Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	32.1	23.8	14.8	17.4	12.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	17.1	13.9	15.0	12.1	12.0
Tractors.....number..	11,679	9,438	9,347	5,586	5,313
value..	21.1	20.3	22.1	19.8	17.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	14.1	12.4	12.1	12.4	11.9
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	13,564	9,688	18,479	16,913	13,761
value..	27.1	22.2	38.0	30.2	27.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	12,623	9,902	12,205	9,760	8,869
value..	25.0	20.1	23.9	19.6	18.6
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	53.2	44.5	51.2	46.0	44.4
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	4.2	7.1	7.4	6.7	9.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	113.6	99.6	133.5	110.8	64.0
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	6	4	2	8	11
value..	0.8	0.3	0.3	2.1	7.5
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	20.3	13.0	10.5	11.5	8.8
Antibiotics.....value..	6.6	6.1	6.4	6.1	5.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	19.0	17.0	16.7	16.8	17.9
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.4	1.9	2.3	2.1	1.9
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	3.7	2.9	1.3	2.7	2.4
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	15.3	6.5	25.0	16.4	16.7
Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	21.5	23.4	32.5	29.8	46.7
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 ⁶value..	162.4	136.1	140.1	137.4	127.9

¹Includes \$45.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$18.5 million to Western Europe).

²Includes \$65.4 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$30.7 million to Western Europe). ³Includes \$117.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$62.4 million to Western Europe). ⁴Includes \$79.1 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$33.3 million to Western Europe). ⁵Includes \$102.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$54.9 million to Western Europe). ⁶See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for list of Special Category commodities. ⁷Data for periods prior to January 1961 exclude information on exports of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590 and deuterium oxide (heavy water) included under Schedule B commodity number 83990). ⁸Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and data for Schedule B commodity number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. ⁹Reflects corrections in the net quantity data made subsequent to the release of the February 1961 issue of this report.